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Frequently Asked Questions for RFP -- NDRPF14-10: Leadership and Mentoring Program for US Exchange Alumni

1. While the call has indicated 20 locations, what is the total number of alumni who will attend the training?

20-25 young alumni (18-25 years) per workshop at each location (approx. 400 in all).

2. With regard to mentors, will they be chosen from the trainees or are they a separate group who will volunteer for mentoring?

The mentors will be chosen from a separate pool of alumni, who will volunteer for mentoring. The grantee must develop a strategy/tools to select mentors as well formulate a sustainable mentoring plan.

3. For action projects, generally the trainees would be grouped in teams (regionally). Are there such teams already formed or will that be done during the project?

Teams will be formed during the project depending on interests and capacities of the participants.

4. Should the budget include all the costs related to logistics - such as payment of travel to participants and other incidental expenses, or should the costs be just for coordinating the same?

All costs related to logistics should be included.

5. What support would the Public Affairs Section (PAS) extend in terms of visibility in addition to the ones the partners will be creating?

PAS will assist in publicizing the workshops using our social media platforms and/or SPAN magazine. PAS will also help identify a team of alumni activists and leaders from program locations who can manage social media sites for the program, cross-promote content and share messages.

6. Will this be considered an accredited program and will the PAS recognize this as a course it offers to alumni?

It is not an accredited program. However, certificates of participation from the US Embassy or Consulate could be provided to the participating to the mentors and mentees at the end of the program.

7. Is there a need to have 20 locations or can the workshops be regional according to the consulate locations?

The 20 locations will be spread around the country; the US Embassy and Consulates will make the final decision regarding these locations.

8. Are there options to use the Consulates as training venues?

Using space at the US Consulates or other US spaces may be possible; however, not all cities/towns where this program will occur have such a space available.

9. Are for-profit/private limited companies eligible to apply?

No.

10. Are for-profit/private limited companies eligible to be sub-recipients or partners of the grantee?

No. Also, grant regulations and adherence to local laws, such as FCRA, apply to the sub-recipients as well.